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SUBJECT: ESCAP ARTICLE ON U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM ESCAP
FOR A BRIEF SUBMISSION TO THE ESCAP NEWSLETTER ON U.S.
PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, 1979, IN VIENNA,
AUSTRIA.

2. ARTICLE FOR ESCAP: TITLE: "U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR THE
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(UNCSTD)".

3. IN JULY 1977, THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COORDINATOR FOR
THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
WAS OPENED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WITH AMBASSADOR JEAN
WILKOWSKI DESIGNATED AS U.S. COORDINATOR AND FATHER THEODORE
M. HESBURGH, PRESIDENT OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, AS AMBASSA-

DOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. AMB. HESBURGH HAS ORGANIZED A STEERING COMMITTEE OF PROMINENT PERSONS IN GOVERNMENT, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, LABOR, ACADEMIA, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP GUIDE U.S. PREPARATIONS.

4. THE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE ADVISOR AND A HIGH LEVEL POLICY COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATION FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS IN PROGRAMS INVOLVING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, SEVEN INTERAGENCY STUDY GROUPS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED TO SURVEY ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AND TO EVALUATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVED FORMS OF COOPERATION OR RE-DIRECTION OF EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR THE USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT.

5. U.S. PREPARATIONS INCLUDE CONTRACTING WITH A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL GROUPS AND UNIVERSITIES AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES OF THE MAJOR TOPICS LIKELY TO ARISE AT THE CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TO SUGGESTING AN IMPORTANT BACKGROUND STUDY HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED BY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC), A PRIVATE INSTITUTION EMBRACING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, AND THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE. THE NRC STUDY IS BASED ON A REVIEW BY EMINENT AUTHORITIES OF U.S. RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

INDUSTRIALIZATION
HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION
FOOD, CLIMATE, SOIL, AND WATER
ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENVIRONMENT
URBANIZATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNICATION.

6. ABOUT 20 PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA FOCUSING ON VARIOUS TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SPONSORS OF THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE UNIVERSITIES, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. WORKSHOPS WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

7. THE ANALYSES AND SUGGESTIONS EMERGING FROM THE VARIOUS STUDIES, PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIA WILL BE EVALUATED BY INTERAGENCY STUDY GROUPS AND AN INTERAGENCY POLICY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING POSITIONS FOR THE U.S.

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